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HANDS ON EXTINGUISHER TRAINING

By Billy Kelb

This spring tenants in the Social Security Office of Hearings and Appeals on the 3rd floor of the Robert Dole U.S. Courthouse, requested training on the proper use of fire extinguishers. GSA arranged for the Kansas City, KS, Fire Department to visit the courthouse and provide the training. A number of employees did participate in this training. A special thank you to inspector George Steins from the Kansas City Fire Department for providing this training.

Photo: Tenants fight fire with extinguishers.



Visit the Multilanguage Gateway

The Federal Citizen Information Center website, maintained out of Pueblo, Colorado, has created a Multilanguage Gateway in order to assist users searching for information in a language other than English.

Website users interested in accessing Federal resources in languages other than English can visit www.pueblo.gsa.gov/multilanguage/multilang.htm to access that information. Topics range from Social Security to Food Safety to Women's Health, and the site encompasses a range of 25 languages.



Be a Healthy Person

A Message from HHS

Take every opportunity to improve your own health, the health of your loved ones, and the health of your community.

Make Healthy Choices Make better choices for yourself and your family when choosing doctors, health insurance, online health information, and a healthy lifestyle. Follow the links below to reliable health information from

www.healthfinder.gov :

- [basic library](#) of health information
- [online health checkups](#)
- [health care decisions](#)
- health information by [age, gender, race or ethnic origin, and caregiver and family roles](#)
- [health-related organizations](#)

For More Health Information

- [Health Calendar](#) [[PDF version](#)] Health observances are days, weeks, or months devoted to promoting particular health concerns.
- [Health Clearinghouses](#) [[PDF version](#)] The Federal Government operates many clearinghouses and information centers that focus on specific topics. Their services include distributing publications, providing referrals, and answering inquiries. Many offer toll-free numbers.
- [Toll-Free-Numbers](#) [[PDF version](#)] These selected toll-free numbers for organizations provide health-related information, education, and support. These organizations do NOT diagnose or recommend treatment for any disease. Some of the organizations use recorded messages; others provide personalized counseling and referrals.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Wichita – U.S. Courthouse

The lobby renovation is in the final stages of completion. (Historical Ceiling Painting, Marble Floor Refinishing, Bronze Refinishing)

Public Elevators East and West restoration should begin by the 1st of May. (Inside Cab Restoration including new walls with mirrors, flooring and ceiling replacement)

Carpet installation in the basement public hallways was completed in March 05.

The U.S. Marshals Service second floor holding cell renovation project is presently at the 20% design stage. Projected award date September 05, with projected completion date of early 2006.

Topeka - Frank Carlson Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse

The U.S. Attorneys library space alteration project was completed in early April, on time and within budget.

The District Courtroom update design project is at 90% completion.

Upcoming projects include refurbishing the atrium fountain, misc. concrete repairs, fire alarm upgrade and the energy management system upgrade.

Pittsburg Federal Building

An upcoming project will create an ADA compliant visitors rest-room. The expected completion date is late July 05.


Kansas City - Robert Dole U.S. Courthouse

Childcare improvements. Projects consisting of freshly painted walls, new sheet flooring in children's restrooms, automatic faucets for children's sinks. 95% complete.

Childcare Center security & safety enhancements. Project consists of a new egress door, closing in front lobby, creating a new reception area and office, and installing new linoleum flooring throughout the center. Anticipated to start in May.

U.S. Marshals new secure bond release corridor. Work to start this summer.

Re-striping of the parking lot. Scheduled for April



BLOOD DRIVE BRINGS IN DONORS

By Billy Kelb

The Spring Blood Drive kicked off in the Dole Courthouse on April 5th. The Community Blood Center arrived, and set up shop in Room 119, (Bankruptcy Training Room) on the 1st floor. I am happy to report that we started off slow, but ended up collecting a total of 19 pints of blood. The courthouse family has donated over 323 pints of blood over the past years. Thank You to everyone who donated this time, and to those who continue to donate year round. The fall drive will take place the first of December.

Photos: A few donors



DAYCARE DRILL

By: Billy Kelb

Uncle Sam's Academy For Tots located at the Dole Courthouse routinely does a number of different drills monthly, within and outside of the child-care facility to maintain readiness. In the recent drill captured below, the children are evacuating the childcare center and are staging across the street waiting for further instructions. The child-care facility has a number of off-site areas they can relocate to at a minutes notice. You will also notice that there are a number of volunteers who help in this process and they are all from the courthouse. Without these building volunteers, we could never accomplish these evacuations.



MEET JOE FUENTES

Joe Fuentes, Property Management Representative, has recently joined the Dole Federal Courthouse family. Joe comes from the GSA Heartland Regional Office and will be working as a Property Manager for the Dole Courthouse and Lease Administrator for GSA's 25 Leased spaces in Johnson and Wyandotte County. Tenant Agencies consist of EPA Regional headquarters, HUD, FDA Laboratories, NARA Subsurface Cold Storage and many more.

Hobbies that Joe enjoys include golf, soccer and basketball. His favorite movie is "The Interpreter."

Books Joe is reading include The Bible and Tom Clancy's *Op Center*.



Photo: Joseph Fuentes

Joe has an identical twin brother in Houston Texas and comes from a family of eight.

One of his greatest joys in coming to the Dole Federal Courthouse is working with Building Manager, Bill Kelb and Building Services Representative, Harvey Williams. Joe states "Bill and Harvey are great guys to work with. They both strive everyday to serve our tenants with the utmost care. Their enthusiastic attitudes always seem to brighten up those around them."

The GSA Building Management office is located on the fifth floor in room 557.



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IT'S FREE!!!**

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**THE GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
TENANT SATISFACTION SURVEY
COMING TO MANY LOCATIONS SOON!**

GSA WILL SURVEY THESE LOCATIONS THIS SPRING

SSA, 850 Nebraska, Kansas City, KS
HUD, 4th & State, Kansas City, KS
EPA, 5th & Minnesota, Kansas City, KS
FDA, 11510 W. 80th, Lenexa, KS
DEA, 8600 Farley, Overland Park, KS
OSHA, 8600 Farley, Overland Park, KS
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There are several changes to the survey format in this year's survey. Question #5 previously had a yes or no answer and now is rated on a scale of 1 to 5. If your answer would have been a "yes" then the "4 or 5" box would be appropriate to check.

If you are not satisfied with your working environment, please call your GSA Property Manager. We will strive to correct problems at your location or help you to find solutions to your needs.

We look forward to visiting with you this spring.